Information Update March 3, 2009 FHWA Issues Recovery Apportionments

Two weeks after President Barack Obama signed the economic recovery act, he and Vice President Joe Biden visited the U.S. DOT to announce the release of federal highway funds to state and local governments.

The President also unveiled the symbol created for all recovery act projects, and the TIGER logo that designates transportation recovery projects.

Addressing about 500 DOT employees, he said,

"I hope it will give you a sense of pride to know that even as we pursued our economic recovery, we renewed our American landscape.

Throughout our history, there have been times when a generation of Americans seized the chance to remake the face of this nation. It's what we did in the midst of civil war by connecting our coast with a transcontinental railroad. It's what we did in the midst of depression by putting up a golden bridge in San Francisco and a electrifying rural America and completing a great dam in the southwest.

It's what we're doing once more by building a 21st century infrastructure that will make America's economy stronger and America's people safer. That's the reason we're here today. That's the purpose of our recovery plan. That's the cause of my presidency. And I need it to be your cause as well." The full text of the DOT remarks may be found at http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2009/03/03/AR2009030301332.html

Tables on the apportionments to both state and local transportation agencies may be found at the FHWA website at the following:

http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/legsregs/directives/notices/n4510705t4.htm